

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF  
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
CARPINTERIA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT**

**May 14, 2008**

President Lemere called the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Carpinteria Valley Water District to order at 4:00 p.m. Wednesday, May 14, 2008.

Directors Present: Lemere, Roberts, Lieberknecht, Drain, Van Wingerden  
Directors Absent: None  
Others Present: Charles Hamilton  
Norma Rosales  
Suzie Lara  
Chip Wullbrandt  
Omar Castro  
Bob McDonald  
Patty Rodriguez  
Esperanza Lopez

**MINUTES**

Following discussion, Director Roberts moved and Drain seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the April 23, 2008 Board meeting. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

**MONTHLY BILLS**

Business Manager Norma Rosales presented the monthly bills for the period of April 24, 2008 through May 14, 2008. Following discussion, Director Lieberknecht moved and Director Van Wingerden seconded the motion to approve the monthly bills as presented. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

No one from the public addressed the Board.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**PROPOSED FY 09  
BUDGET AND RATES  
CHARGES**

General Manager Hamilton provided a brief summary of communications he has had with several customers about the proposed FY 08-09 Budget, Rates and Charges. He noted that preparations are well underway for the May 28, 2008 public hearing to be held at City Hall at 7 pm.

**BEST BEST &  
KRIEGER WRITTEN  
DISCLOSURE ABOUT  
CONFLICT OF  
INTEREST**

Following discussion, Director Roberts moved and Director Lieberknecht seconded the motion to authorize the Board President to execute the Consent and Waiver document prepared by Best Best and Krieger concerning their written disclosure about conflict of interest. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

**GENERAL MANAGER  
REPORTS**

**AUTOMATED  
TELEPHONE  
SYSTEM**

Mr. Hamilton noted that while not a Board action item he wanted to discuss with the Board the pros and cons of using the existing District automated phone system capability to begin routing calls directly to employees. This

will result in a caller responding to a recording and selecting an option before speaking with any employee. It was determined that staff would proceed with the automated system implementation on a trial basis.

**MONTHLY STATEMENTS**

Mrs. Rosales presented the Monthly Statements for the month of April 2008.

**EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION DINNER**

Due to several conflicts of employees and at least one Director, Mrs. Rosales recommended, and it was agreed, that the employee event be changed from June 7<sup>th</sup> to September 13<sup>th</sup> of this year.

**ORTEGA RESERVOIR UNDERDRAIN LEAKAGE- STATUS REPORT**

Mr. Hamilton provided the Board with a status report on the efforts in progress by the various contracting parties for the Ortega Reservoir Cover Project and COMB to determine the cause of high underdrain system flows. He noted that there is now reason to believe that the high flows are not caused by problems in the panels on the floor of the reservoir.

**ZACA FIRE IMPACTS ON CACHUMA AND WATER DELIVERIES TO CARPINTERIA VALLEY**

Mr. Hamilton reported that water quality degradation in Lake Cachuma attributed to Zaca Fire impacts continues to be a major problem. Treatment equipment and filters require additional backwashing. Increased use of chemicals is also necessary. These factors in turn reduce the capability and efficiency of the Cater Treatment Plant to process and deliver water to Carpinteria Valley to address high demand water needs. He distributed copies of a recent letter prepared by City of Santa Barbara Water System Manager Cathy Taylor to the California Office of Emergency Services (OES) documenting the problems. He noted that if OES determines that the problems have in fact been caused by Zaca Fire there may be state funds available to reimburse the City of Santa Barbara and Carpinteria Valley and Montecito Water Districts for the extra Fire related costs.

**HEADQUARTERS WELL REPAIR SCHEDULE**

Operations and Maintenance Manager Omar Castro reported that the Headquarters Well repair project is underway and that the well is projected to be back in production within a few weeks. He noted that Bakersfield Well and Pump is contributing their labor. The main costs to the District, about \$30,000, are for the new materials.

**PROPOSITION 50 FUNDING RECOMMENDATION AND EI CARRO WELL REPLACEMENT AND CENTRAL ZONE PIPELINE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

Mr. Hamilton referred to the copy of the California Department of Water Resources website page in the Board packet showing Santa Barbara County Water Agency successfully ranked among the applicants to receive the full \$25 million for which it applied. He noted that \$2 million of that amount is earmarked for the El Carro Well Replacement and Central Zone Pipeline Improvement Project. He noted that District Engineer Bob McDonald deserves most of the credit for making this happen. Mr Hamilton also discussed communications he has had with a customer in response to the public notice about the draft Mitigated Negative Declaration for the project. In particular, this resident near the El Carro well is requesting assurance that if the well drilling noise is too great for him that he would be temporarily housed in a motel or hotel in Carpinteria.

**HIGH SCHOOL WATER AWARENESS**

President Lemere announced that he and the General Manager would be attending the annual High School Water Awareness Video Contest award

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ceremony on Thursday May 22 at 6 pm at the Faulkner Gallery, and requested names of the students in advance of the ceremony.

**LETTER TO GENERAL MANAGER FROM D.G. BERTRAND**

Mr. Hamilton made note of the thank you letter in the Board packet he received from D.G Bertrand after spending about an hour with him to discuss water rates and charges.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**AGREEMENT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF WATER FACILITIES**

Following a presentation by Mr. McDonald and discussion, Director Roberts moved and Director Drain seconded the motion to approve the Agreement for Construction of Water Facilities between the District and property owner Susan Flannery, for various water system facilities. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

**RATIFICATION OF AMENDMENT TO ACWA HEALTH BENEFITS AUTHORITY JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT**

Following discussion, Director Roberts moved and Director Drain seconded the motion to ratify the Amendment to the ACWA Health Benefits Authority Joint Powers Agreement effective April 1, 2008.

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 867 AUTHORIZING THE DESTRUCTION OF ALL TAPE RECORDINGS OF DISTRICT BOARD MEETINGS**

Following an explanation by Mr. Hamilton as to the need for a policy on the retention of audio tape recordings and discussion, Director Roberts moved and Director Van Wingerden seconded the motion to approve Resolution Number 867 Authorizing The Destruction of All Tape Recordings of District Board Meetings. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

Vote on the resolution by roll call resulted as follows:

AYES: Lieberknecht, Drain, Roberts , Van Wingerden, Lemere  
NAYES: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: None

**2008 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION-NOTICE OF ELECTIVE OFFICES TO BE FILED**

Mr. Hamilton distributed copies of a letter dated April 15, 2008 from Joseph Holland, County Clerk, Recorder and Assessor regarding Notice of Elective Offices To Be Filed for the November 4, 2008 Presidential General Election. Directors Lieberknecht and Van Wingerden are the two incumbents up for election this year. Following discussion, President Lemere directed Mr. Hamilton to file the Notice as prepared with no changes.

**POSSIBLE QUAGGA MUSSEL INFESTATION AT LAKE CACHUMA AND COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA**

Mr. Hamilton distributed copies of a draft legal memorandum prepared by Cachuma Operation and Maintenance Board (COMB) attorney William Hair dated May 13, 2008 addressing questions of responsibility for both operation of Lake Cachuma and possible impacts of Quagga mussels on COMB operated facilities. The memo generally includes a conclusion that the County of Santa Barbara has responsibility for any damage to persons or

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property from boating activities it allows pursuant to its contractual authority with the Bureau of Reclamation to operate Lake Cachuma recreational facilities. Discussion followed concerning this Board's response to and concerns about a proposal under consideration by COMB that would include the use of District funds to support the County's efforts to ensure that Quagga mussels are not introduced by boats into Lake Cachuma. No action was taken.

**COUNSEL  
WULLBRANDT  
LEAVES MEETING**

Counsel Wullbrandt left the meeting in advance of the next item on the agenda involving Montecito Water District.

**CATER JOINT  
POWERS  
AGREEMENT DATED  
JULY 5, 1978**

Mr. Hamilton distributed copies of a draft memo he prepared for discussion at the next Montecito and Carpinteria Valley Water District joint Ortega/Operations committee meeting. It includes a proposal to address and rectify the growing inequity of costs shared by the two districts for capital improvements at the Cater Treatment Plant pursuant to a 1978 joint powers agreement. No action was taken.

**DIRECTOR REPORTS  
- JPIA/ACWA SPRING  
CONFERENCE, MAY  
5 – MAY 9, 2008**

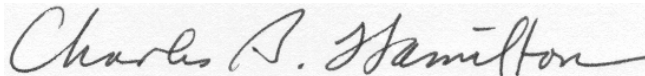
Directors Lieberknecht and Lemere gave oral reports of the JPIA/ACWA Spring Conference, held May 5 – 9, 2008 in Monterey.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next scheduled Board meeting will be a special Board meeting held on May 28, 2008, at 7:00 pm in the Carpinteria City Council Chambers at 5775 Carpinteria Ave.

**ADJOURNMENT**

President Lemere declared the meeting adjourned at 6:07 p.m.



Charles B. Hamilton, General Manager/Secretary